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Knightly News

CALENDAR

September

| Sep 8 | 1st Degree Exemplification 7:30 PM Nativity |
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| Sep 9 | Blue Mass 7:00 PM |
| Sep 9 | Family Social 8:00 PM Church MPR |
| Sep 10 | Columbiettes Organizational Meeting 7:00 PM Church MPR |
| Sep 11 | 4th Degree Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM |
| Sep 12 | Respect Life Rosary 5:45 AM |
| Sep 13 | Buc's Football Game vs Dallas 8:00 AM Church |
| Sep 16 | Soccer Challenge 3:00PM St. Stephen School |
| Sep 18 | Squires Officer' Installation 6:30 PM Church-Second Floor |
| Sep19-20 | Men's-Christ Renews His Parish |
| Sep 19 | Bell Shoals—Road Cleanup 9:00 AM |
| Sep 23 | VA Hospital Visit 10:00 AM |
| Sep 26-27 | Parish Ministry Fair |
| Sep 26-27 | KofC State Golf Tournament |
| Sep 27 | Buc's Football Game vs Giants 8:00 AM Church |
| Sep 28 | "Banquet of Life" 6:30 PM Higgins Hall Himes Ave Tampa |
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October Squires Business Meeting 7:00 PM Church-Second Floor

| Oct 3-4 | Women's—Christ Renews His Parish |
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| Oct 7 | Monthly Business Meeting 8:00 PM Church MPR |
| Oct 9 | U2 Concert—RJS Special Event 3:00 PM Church |
| Oct 9 | 4th Degree Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM |
| Oct 10 | Respect Life Rosary 5:45 AM |
| Oct 11 | Corporate Communion 8:00 AM St. Stephen |
| Oct 12 | School Coloring Books 10:00 AM School |
| Oct 16 | KofC Open House and Family Social 6:30 PM Church MPR |
| Oct 17 | 1st Degree Exemplification 9:00 AM St. Stephen's School |
| Oct 17 | Assembly 1850 "Sock Hop" 7:00 PM Best Western Rt 60 |
| Oct 18 | Buc's Football Game vs Carolina 8:00 AM—School |
| Oct 24 | Angels Among Us |
| Oct 30-31 | Special Olympics Fall Games—Disney Orlando |
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November

Nov 4 Monthly Business Meeting 8:00 PM Church MPR

Nov 8 Buc's Football Game vs Green Bay 8:00 AM—School

Nov 13 4th Degree Monthly Meeting 6:30 PM

Nov 14 Casino "K"night



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Grand Knight & Report



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Brother Knights & Families

Once again, my heartfelt thanks for another month of great work that many of you are continuing to accomplish on behalf of the Council. I especially want to thank the planners and participants who took part at our August 12th Mass dedicated to Venerable Michael J. McGivney on the Anniversary of his birthday, and the followon program and Social. All attending can attest to the riveting presentation by our Worthy Lecturer, Tom Cummings III, on the life and legacy of our Founder. Additionally, we were all inspired by the brief testimonial presented by Rachael Pryor on her life/ faith journey into the Catholic Church, and I ask that we keep her close in our thoughts and pravers as she begins her religious life and studies dedicated to the service of our lord. Although I could not attend this year, I heard nothing but good reports of a great time had by those who attended the Knights of Columbus Day at the Ball Park event - don't forget that this was in fact a fundraiser with all the proceeds donated to KofC Charities. Finally, we got off to a good start with our fundraising venues at Raymond James with the Pre-Season games these past couple of weeks. My greatest thrill is that I can report that we have 74 Volunteers on my Master Roster for the season; and thus far I have individual volunteers committed for every game/event currently scheduled. As I have mentioned before, this is a Council-wide fundraising effort, in fact, our only major money raiser critical to our operations, charitable contributions and support to the parish and community. Therefore, if you have not yet signed up - trust me - you will not be turned Every Knight who can, should contribute their service to at least one game on the schedule. At the very least, alternates will help alleviate any last minute unforeseen conflicts which may require replacements. See the schedule and procedures on our website for more details.

"Honoring those who Protect Us"

This is our Theme kicking off this month for our Council. Not just in light of the recent tragic events in Tampa and elsewhere throughout our State and Country, but that it is key that we support those who risk their lives on a daily basis to keep us safe. Let's not forget the tragic events on September 11th that changed our Nation and the sacrifices of those first responders, but also the sacrifices of our national treasure, the very lives of those military men and women on the front lines battling against those who would do harm to the innocent and helpless. keep all these men and women, and their families in your prayers for their safety and success in helping make the world a place where all may coexist peace and safety.

Here are the key events this month, in priority, which I would like to encourage you and your family to support:

1. <u>Blue Mass</u> (This Wednesday, September 9th). This key Annual Parish event is being hosted by the Knights of Columbus; therefore, I ask you to support this with your participation. Moreover, this is an event that you, your family and friends should plan on attending. We seldom acknowledge the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement and first responders - so this is a day where we can honor them by sharing in the celebration of a special Mass in their honor. The responsibility for orchestrating this event falls upon the combined efforts of our Community and Church Committees. In fact, Deputy Sheriff Terri Montaldo, wife of our Worthy Chancellor, John, is taking a lead in



this effort on behalf of the Community Committee and is already well ahead on this community-wide effort. We are expecting a large turnout of our law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, rescue and other first responders and further, have invited our sister Councils and other surrounding parishes to join us. I ask all Knights to support this event. Then next events, listed in priority are:

- 2. <u>COLUMBIETTES ORGANIZA-</u> <u>TIONAL MEETING</u> (Thursday, September 10th at 7 pm)
- 3. <u>9-11 Memorial Mass</u> (Sunday, September 13th at 10

am) *Sponsored by St Anne's Council 7210,

at St

Anne's Catholic Church, 106 11th Ave NE, in Ruskin

4. KofC Soccer Challenge

(Wednesday, September 16th)

- 5. <u>Second Degree Exemplification</u> (Saturday, September 26th)
- 6. KofC Fall Membership Blitz (Weekend of September 26th & 27st)

Our Membership Blitz occurs as part of our Parish Ministry Fair Weekend and is a key Recruiting event and constitutes one of two KofC-wide Membership Drives (the second occurs in February/March). This event calls upon every member to share their experience of being a member of the largest fraternal Catholic organization by recruiting quality Catholic gentlemen to join us in service to our Parish and Community. I hope to see everyone for at least one of the periods between Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Please note that our Columbian Squires, as well as our Columbiettes who are organizing will each have a table at the fair as well. We will also be providing Traffic Control for parking during this weekend as well.

There are certainly a few more projects and events throughout the month which will be highlighted by our Service Program Directors; however, I wanted to 'spotlight' these for maximum participation by all Brother Knights and their families. We have an exciting year ahead; however, we need even a little contribution of time or talent from every Brother Knight so that...

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

VIVAT JESUS!

Knight of the Month



Mike Grogan

For his many contributions to the Council since joining only a few months ago

Family of the Month



Gene Batronie family

For their involvement in numerous church activities and most recently their coordinating the tail gating event at the Ray's game



Chaplain's Report

Rev Bill Swengros 689-4900 pastor@ststephencatholic.org

"As generous stewards of God's grace, put your gifts at the serve of one another, each in the measure he has received."

- 1 Pt 4:10

y Brother Knights

Each September, our parish focuses its attention on our response to the grace of God. Each of us has been touched by God and have been blessed with many gifts. What we do with those gifts is our gift to God. We recall the story of the three stewards who were entrusted with their master's "talents" (Mt 25:14-30). One developed these talents and returned them to the master twofold. The second did as well. The third buried his talents. When the master returned, what little he had was taken away.

All of us have been richly blessed with many God-given talents. Grateful for the gifts we have received, we have been good stewards and have developed and cultivated these gifts throughout our lives. As disciples of Christ, we are called to eagerly share those gifts out of love for God and one another with those in need. Our sharing of our time, our talents, and our treasure is not an option. It is a way of life. It is what it means to be faithful stewards and our eternal salvation depends upon it.

Stewardship is not something onerous. It is a joy to collaborate in God's work of creation, to cooperate in his work of redemption. Let me give you

an example: fatherhood. From the moment we were conceived in our mother's womb through this day, God has blest us with many gifts and abilities so that we fulfill our vocation as Throughout the years, we fathers. cultivated those gifts. We learned how to be loving, caring, responsible, and fully actualized Christian men. Having been blest with children, we share all that we have received and developed throughout the years with our children. We give them our time, use our talents, and share our resources so that they can realize their full potential. This act of love is stewardship. It is not always easy. It does mean putting the good of another before ourselves. But I have yet to meet a father who regretted all that he sacrificed for his children. This is what it means to be a good and loving steward.

As Knights of Columbus, stewardship takes on an added importance. Our Order was founded out of a profound desire to be good stewards - to serve God and His people. I am always impressed by all our Council has done for our parish, our local community, and to those in need. In the short time we have been in existence, we have left an indelible mark on St. Stephen and the people of southeastern Hillsborough County. Yet we can and must do more.

Of course, this is only possible if EVERY Knight gets involved. Unfortunately, most of our successes are the result of the efforts of a few. Please read this newsletter carefully and make a choice to attend or be involved in AT LEAST two activities a month. Not only will this help others, you will be helping your family by showing them what it means to be a responsible member of our society, an active Knight of Columbus, and most importantly, a faithful disciple of Christ.

Let us pray that when we meet our maker, these words will ring in our ears: "Well done, good and faithful servant!" May God help us to be good stewards of the gifts He has given to us!

Fr. Bill Swengros Chaplain

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

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June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010



Field Agent's Report

o you need Long Term Care Insurance? The biggest threat to one's nest egg isn't a bear market but an extended stay in a long-term care facility. Seniors over age 65 have a more than 70% chance of needing some form of Long Term Care. According to recent surveys the daily rate is \$213 or \$77,745 annually. Without insurance, even a short period of "at home" care can ruin an otherwise sound retirement

What is your plan?

plan.

The LTC programs offered by the Knights of Columbus are affordable, competitive in terms of premium and benefit from our A++ A.M. Best and

AAA Standard and Poors ratings. Call for your Fraternal Review. We can discuss your plan to protect your family and assets, review your existing coverage whether with the Order or another carrier.

STAR Council Qualifications

Did you know that your Council earns this STAR Council distinction by growth of both membership and the number of new insured members?

Why wouldn't a Knight want to protect his family through the Order? Why would he prefer a commercial insurer? Some of the differences between us:

Dividends on Whole Life Policies

KofC YES NO Commercial Insurers

Transaction, monthly, annual fees

KofC Commercial Insurers YES

Reason for existence

- Family Protection
- Profit for investors
- Personalized Service Field Agent call their 800 number to see

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

others and Gentlemen.

You may be aware that Pro-Life has been elevated by the Supreme Council to a Program (Committee) status. It was formerly a subset of the Community Program. I am particularly excited about this move since life and its protection are particular passions of mine. As Knights and practical Catholic gentlemen, we are sworn to protect and defend life wherever we see the need to do so. Sometimes this takes an active form, sometimes it is as simple as a pledge or a prayer. I have volunteered my leadership for this new program, with the intention of helping guide it until a permanent Program Director feels they can assume its duties on their own. If you feel you are that man, pray, search your heart, and be open to the Holy Spirit - it will guide you.

I plan for Pro-Life in our Council to encompass more than just a stance against abortion. Today, we see assaults on life in the arenas of euthanasia, fetal stem-cell research, capital

bioethics. There are no doubt more. It Mary in the promise to defend human may seem easy to let someone else life from the moment of conception to worry about these things...we ARE that natural death. The Supreme Council will someone else. A society cannot endure present these signed copies in honor of without future generations to support it. Our Lady during a Mass at the Basilica Life and the Church need us and they of Guadalupe in Mexico. I will also have need our commitment.

In the coming month, I plan to distribute the Catholic Declaration of Life and If you have other suggestions how we Death Advance Directive for all to view, as Knights can protect life, please conalong with the U.S. Conference of tact me at sheff9@gmail.com or 813-Catholic Bishops statement on this 352-1223. Health Care Surrogate document. This is a simple statement that will instruct Additionally, with the able and expert to your care in the event of injury, ill- ary or early February for our Spiritual ness, or incapacitation. You may print it Day of Reflection. Father Bill has graout and bring it to our next Business ciously agreed to assist us in a day of Meeting to have it witnessed (it must be retreat from our daily concerns and to witnessed by two others outside the help lead us to a stronger communion family). This document may be crucial with Christ through the Holy Spirit. It will ity to ensure you are treated according venue within reasonable driving disalso plan to have the Pledge to Our Business Meeting. Lady of Guadalupe and associated prayer card available at our next meet- Vivat Jesus! ing. Knights have been asked to sign Scott Sheffield

punishment, end-of-life planning, and this pledge consecrating themselves to extras you may bring home to your fam-

health care workers on your beliefs and help of Sir Knight Tom Cummings III, what measures you would like applied we are approaching a date in late Januin preserving you and your family's abil- most likely be a day-long event at a to your faith in health care situations. I tance. I will have final details at our next



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September 2009

Membership Report

John Kulesa 600-5407 John.kulesa@earthlink.net

This past month our Council welcomed 4 new Brothers as First Degree Members. On Saturday August 15th, Christopher Coglianese, Anthony Corte, Stephen Gaeta and Mark Woodke took the first step towards full Knighthood. Please congratulate and welcome them to our Council.



There will be a Second Degree on September 26th 2009, at St. Stephen Catholic School. The start time will be 9:00 AM. Approved Candidates with Sponsors are expected to arrive no later than 8 am with observing members arriving no later than 8:50 am. Dress Code is Casual. Questions about Admissions should be directed to our Admissions Coordination Team Leader, Sir Knight John Kulesa at Email: john.kulesa@earthlink.net, Phone: 813.380.4653. The next First Degree will be October 17th at St. Stephen Catholic School. Sponsors, please let me know of any approved candidates so I can contact them about the upcoming degree and Admissions Committee.

There are two upcoming Third Degree Exemplifica-

tions. The first one is September 12th in New Port Richey. The second is on October 3rd in Pinellas Park. Please contact Sir

Knight Greg Celestan at Email: celestan@msn.com, Phone: 655.4007 or myself as soon as possible so we can let the hosting facilities how many will be attending.

September 26th and 27th is the date for the St. Stephen Ministry Fair. We will have a booth set up in the tent and will need Brothers to help set up prior to the first mass each day. We will also need Brothers to help recruit new members. This is one of the few chances that our Council has each year to recruit new members. Please let me know what mass you can help with.

Being a Knight means being involved and learning about our Order, our Principles, and most importantly, learning to better practice our Faith. I encourage each and every one of you, whether working towards a degree or sponsoring a potential Candidate, to make the effort to grow as a Knight by taking an active part in achieving the requirements to advancement in the Order

Finally, please continue your efforts to build the Council and the Order by recruiting quality Catholic Gentlemen with the energy and spirit to make a difference in our Community.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK ON YOUR AD-VANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS!

As always I look forward to any ideas on how to improve our membership recruitment. Anyone who is interested in joining the Membership Committee is welcome.

Fraternally, John Kulesa



Keep in our Prayers

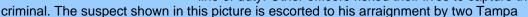
- Brother Chuck Lusky who has been ill with an undiagnosed ailment.
- Brother Michael Rendas' father, Lazlo, who passed away following his battle with pancreatic cancer.
- Brother Greg Grambor and his wife Diane. Diane's mother Esther Cerritelli passed away at 86.
- Brother Tony Boes who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- Bishop Lynch who is recovery from an illness
- Brother Ed Sleyzak's sister, <u>Marianne</u> who is showing improvement in her struggles with lung cancer.
- Our Brothers who are experiencing the hardship of job loss and the associated stresses.

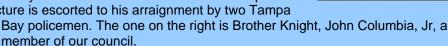




We live in a violent world. Eight years ago this week, more than 2,900 innocent people lost their lives at the hands of terrorists. This past month, 45 brave soldiers lost their lives a half a world away from home fighting to prevent anything like the 9/11 atrocities from ever happening again to Americans and our allies.

A few weeks ago, a Tampa police officer was killed in the line of duty. Other officers risked their lives to capture the



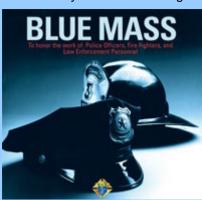




In the grind of everyday life, we forget that there are thousands of men and women, who put their lives on the line to keep us safe from bad people and rescue us when we are in trouble. I'm sure they don't try to think about it, but in the back of their minds the question of whether or not they will make it though the day safely has to be there.

In 1934, a Catholic Priest by the name of Thomas Dade from Baltimore, Maryland Archdiocese initiated the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society while stationed at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. About 1,100 police and firemen dressed in

blue uniforms marched into St. Patrick's Catholic Church for the celebration of the First Blue Mass on September 29th, 1934. On Wednesday evening, September 9th, it is our turn to honor these brave people at a "Blue Mass. It will be followed by a reception in the church multi-purpose room. Please get your friends and neighbors and come to mass. Let's honor them as they deserve to be honored and ask for God's blessings upon them every day of their lives.



"Banquet of Life"

Benefiting Pregnancy Plus Medical Center of Hillsborough County

Monday, Sept. 28, 2009

Higgins Hall: Master of Ceremony: 6:30 p.m: 7:30 p.m: After Dinner Events:

5225 North Himes Ave., Tampa, Fl. 33614 Olivia Paff Hoegstrom, Spirit FM 90.5 Music Director Cocktails, Appetizers and Silent Auction Full Course Buffet Dinner Invocation, Volunteer of the Year Presentation, Client Testimonial and Guest Speaker

- 60 clients (average) participating in our mentoring program each month.
- 92% of mentoring clients reaching 50% of their goals
- \$30,000 worth of infant and baby supplies provided to clients
- 1880 volunteer hours donated to this ministry.
- 500 youth received the abstinence message through the iWAIT Team.
- 240 hours of post abortion counseling to hurting women and men through Project Rachel.
- 9 infants placed in adoptive homes.

Their goal this year is to raise \$50,000 toward our \$250,000 annual budget. Please support the cause with vour attendance.

This event is one of the major fundraisers for this ministry. The outcomes of the 08-09 fiscal year included:

- 800 Households served.
- 300 Pregnancy test and crisis counseling clients
- 100 limited ultrasounds provided to abortion vulnerable women.
- 98% of the 200 positive pregnancy test clients choosing
- 13 women choosing life through our "Ministry on Move" presence outside abortion mill.



Council Programs

Gentleman and Brothers,

Day at the Rays was a great success, we had around 20 brother



Knights and their families for a total of 60 people attend the tailgate. We had allot of fun, while barbecuing hamburgers, hot dogs and Italian Sausage. The Rays beat the Blue Jays 5-2 and we watched Gregg Zaun pinch hit a Grand Slam in the bottom of the 8th inning to take the lead.

Upcoming Activities:

- 54th Annual State Golf Tournament will be held September 26th 27th in Kissimmee. This tournament is open to all Knights and their families, I will send more emails for information. If you do sign up please let me know so we can group some of us together.
- Casino night will be on November 14th. Our goal is to raise at least 2000.00 for Lifecare of Brandon. If you know of any companies that would like to sponsor a

table or if you would like to help work this event please contact me.

2nd Annual Knights Golf Tournament for Blessed Antonio Rosmini Council #14278 (St Francis of Assisi) was postponed for Saturday, November 21st at Bloomingdale Golfers Club. More details will be sent out at a later time.

The Council Committee is looking for a few more members. If you want to be part of the Program that schedules the FRATERNITY (and fun) for the Council, call me or email me and we'll talk about the details.

God Bless, Gene Batronie Council Program Director 813-380-9310 cell

Columbiette Corner

We are one step closer to becoming an active auxiliary

to our Knights. Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 at 7p.m. in classroom 2 there will be a meeting to ratify the Mission Statement and By-Laws for our Columbiettes. All ladies who have already filled out an application for membership should plan on attending, your vote is extremely important. We will also be electing our officers at that meeting. An email detailing these events will be sent to the email address given at the first informational meeting or the email written on the back of your applications.

If there are any questions please contact Terri Montaldo at 813-334-3200 or tmontaldo62@gmail.com, this is an email expressly for Columbiette business.



Greetings from Father John in India





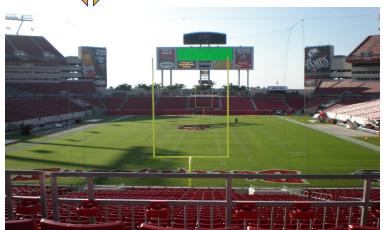
Just before Father John left to returned to India, we asked him to share with us some background of operating his Catholic middle school in a predominately Hindu country. His parish school is located in a poor region of southern India. Among other things, Father shared that he has 150 students and that it costs approximately \$115 a YEAR to have a student attend. He requires that the parents pay at least 50% of the cost, which many struggle to do.

Moved by the situation, we decided to ask for contributions to help pay tuition for more students. Knights, Rita Joyce, and Jennifer Bergen contributed \$2,050. Father John was very grateful for the money and wants to thank all of us for the generosity.

The students in these picture are celebrating Independence Day as well as parading at a sporting event. The school is in the background behind Father John and the nuns.







Raymond James Buc's Games

We have had a great start to the season (volunteer-wise) for the two pre-season football games. The two crews that worked these week day games endure weather delays, product shortages, a little abuse from a few irate customers, and some lost sleep to work these fund raising events. Our thanks to those who have helped.

The next game is this Sunday, September 13th, against Dallas.

Ministry Fair Parking Help

Brothers, We need your help with parking during the Ministry Fair on September 27th. At a minimum, we could use 10 at each Mass on Sunday morning only. As in the past, you would need to show up 30-45 minutes earlier than usual for your regular mass. Ed will ensure your duties will be finished in time to join your families for mass.

If you have any questions please give Ed Sleyzak a call at (813-363-5834) or email him at esleyzak@verizon.net.

Family Committee

As mentioned on a previous page, the Annual Blue Mass is this Wednesday September 9th at 7:00 pm. The Knights will be sponsoring the reception immediately following the Mass with desserts and your contribution of a dessert greatly appreciated. If you can come early to help set up or if you can stay late to help clean up, whatever you can assist with will be very helpful. Please email me with what dessert you will be bringing. Don't hesitate come and honor the Men and Women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. My email address is giacconetravel@aol.com or call me at 813-927-5127. See you there!

Squire's Circle

A feeling of excitement is in the air surrounding the Squires these days. We are starting the second year of our existence as a Circle. Everyone involved is looking for even bigger and better things for the year.

The Circle started off with elections for the officers that will serve for the year. The new lineup is as follows. Caleb DuGuay will be returning for a second term as Chief Squire. Christian Taliento will be our new Deputy Chief Squire. Tom Berrie will be serving as our new Notary. And, Ian White was elected to serve as our new Bursar. As you can see we have an awesome group of young men leading us in this new fraternal year. We wish them all much success.

On Aug. 21st. The Circle held its first officers meeting to appoint the Program Directors, as well as some planning for the New Year. Anthony Spinelli & Kenny Whiteman for (Service). Noah Williams (Circle), Ian White (Membership). We are still in need of a Spiritual Director. These young men have already hit the ground running with it seems almost endless ideas for their respective programs. How can we go wrong with the excitement & attitudes of these young men?

One of the first orders of business the boy's voted to undertake is a fundraiser. As with every ministry funds are needed to carry out our mission. The Squires will be selling insulated Knights travel mugs and thermoses. So we ask please be generous and get your own coffee mugs and thermos. They will be offered for sale @ various Knight and Parish functions. Or you can contact any Squire or Counselor to order. Mugs will only be \$5.00 & Thermoses \$10.00.(Very reasonable for the quality, and a chance to help St. Stephens Squires Circle).

In the spirit of the New Year and new Officers, We would like to invite all Knights to our Officers Installation Ceremony. It will be held on Friday September 18th @ 6:30 PM in the MPR room. A pot luck dinner will be served so bring your appetite. Your support as Knights is invaluable to these young men. As you may know the definition of a Squire is (a Knight in training). These young men strive to emulate you as Knights & Catholic Men. Just something as simple as your attendance goes a very long way for the boy's.

"ESTO DIGNUS" Fraternally. Tom & Rob



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Community Activities



Respect Life Rosary

(Woman's Abortion Clinic) is scheduled for September 12, 2009. If you have any questions, get with Chuck Lusky e-mail charles.kusky@verizon.net.

Every life is sacred, from the moment of conception till natural death. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the dignity of each human being at every stage and work together in building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

In the continual battle for the rights of unborn children and the elderly, Knights of Columbus members, their families and all pro-life supporters need to change hearts as they strive to change laws.

Adopt a Highway

A special Thanks for those who showed up on July 27, 2009 for Road Clean up. Adopt-A-Highway program through which community groups accept responsibility for a short stretch of highway and agree to keep the roadside free, of litter. Bruce Czaja is the team leader for the road clean up program. Email baczaja@yaloo.com. Next

Road Clean up is scheduled fro September 26, 2009.

Please come out and support this project.



Veteran's Hospital Visit

As with all of our visits the vets were delighted to see us. These heroes are ever mindful of our visits and are requesting staff of the dates. We, as Knights, cannot let these wonderful men and women down. They have done so much for our beloved country and us. WE can't do enough for them. To give a little of our time is such a small thing for us, but such a big thing for them. So come join us on September 23, 2009 form 10:00 till 12:00 Contact Bill Queenan noon.
cycleenan@cs.com>

FUNDRAISER FOR VAVS

Raffle

FIRST PLACE: Two Tickets To

Lighting Game

SECOND PLACE: Night at the

Best Western, Dinner for, 2 Tickets to Comedy Club

THIRD PLACE: Keg of Yuengling - Houseman

FOURTH PLACE: Basket of Cheer \$5.00 PER TICKET

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AS-SEMBLY 1850 FUNDRAISER FOR VAVS OCTO-BER 17

TICKETS \$25.00
AT THE BEST WESTERN ROUTE
60 FROM 7/ 11
THEME 50'/60' MUST DRESS
50'/60's STYLE
ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET ALL
NIGHT LONG
FIVE FREE SILENT ACTION
TICKETS
CONTEST: BEST DRESSED
MALE/ FEMALE, HULA HOOP,
TWIST,
SALIENT ACTION, DOOR
PRIZED
50/50

God Bless

Herb

Youth Committee

Gentlemen and Brothers,

Our annual Soccer Challenge is slated for Wednesday, Sept 16th from 3-5pm at St Stephen School.

This is a great event for the kids - and very light duty for the Council. Your role will be limited to organize contestants for Shots from the Penalty Spot and shagging wayward soccer balls. It is a lot of fun and shows our support for a great sport and physical activity.

If you can assist, please contact Gerry Harpole at harpole4@yahoo.com or 813-340-2415.